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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to IDS submission dated 10-13-05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-27.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-27 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

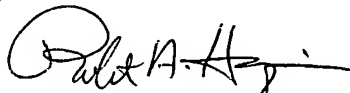
The international search report dated 3-26-2004 indicates claims 1-42 are considered s anticipated(X reference) by WO 98/01394. Examiner notes each of independent claims 1,4,15, and 18 recite treating cutting fluid. Examiner notes that the WO reference does not recite treatment of cutting fluid. Examiner notes US 6540922 which is the US equivalent of WO 98/01394 teaches treating a liquid medium, however the reference does not specifically recite treating cutting fluid. Examiner notes that since claims 1 and 15 are method claims for treating cutting fluid, and claims 4 and 15 recite "a reservoir of cutting fluid", and "a cutting device; a cutting fluid circuit connected to the cutting device" respectively, it would not have been obvious to someone of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to apply the WO reference to a cutting fluid because the WO reference does not teach or suggest such a modification. Also , it would not have been obvious to someone of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine Haggett et al(6770248) with the WO reference because Haggett et al does not teach a cutting fluid. Haggett et al teaches a lubricating fluid, however as successfully argued by applicant, a cutting fluid is a subset of a lubricating fluid, wherein a cutting fluid is a very sensitive emulsion , whose parameters could be undesirably altered by the treatment of Haggett.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert A. Hopkins whose telephone number is 571-272-1159. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 7am-4pm, alternate Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Duane Smith can be reached on 571-272-1166. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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